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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for
Intelligence

SUBJECT : OSR Relationship with NSA

1. I understand that Admiral Gayler will soon be visiting the Agency to familiarize himself with it. In that connection, I thought it well to recall for you and the Director the efforts we have been making in OSR to develop and maintain close working level relations with NSA.

2. Working together, OSR and NSA have developed a program of formal instruction which is given by NSA and is supplemented by exchange visits between OSR and NSA analysts. My concern has been to insure that OSR analysts, particularly the ones who have come to the business since satellite photography reached full bloom, understand and apply the more arcane trade of Comint. My concern has also been to make NSA understand how important it is to them that, in this day of easy and cooperative access to photography, they break out of their hidebound bureaucratic ways and enter into forthcoming relations with an intelligence producer like OSR. I wouldn't claim that our efforts have fully succeeded on either count, but I think they have helped.

3. These are the highlights to date:

--In 1968, NSA hosted over 50 OSR people for a three-day period of formal instruction in Comint capabilities and procedures especially prepared for us. This was followed by additional visits by about 30 analysts--those who make the most use of Comint--to the desks of their NSA counterparts for two more days of detailed experience in Comint process. We reciprocated by having

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over 70 NSA people visit OSR where we tried to give them a better appreciation of our analytical concerns and the significance of NSA reporting to our work.

--In 1969, 22 OSR analysts have participated in the formal training and 13 in the desk-to-desk phase. About 40 NSA analysts will visit OSR in October. You can get some idea of how the process works at this end from the attached memorandum.


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Attachment:
Schedule of NSA Personnel
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